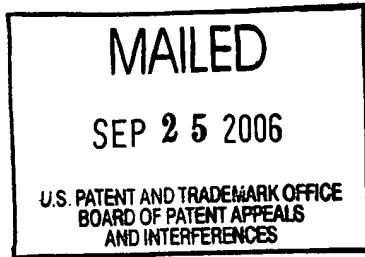


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte ROBERT JOHN COLVER

Application No. 09/601,810

ORDER VACATING IN PART RETURN
UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

The "ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER," mailed on August 10, 2006 is vacated, as to the Appeal Brief. The original Appeal Brief was filed on August 3, 2004, not January 11, 2006. Accordingly, the brief filed on August 3, 2004 was filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.192, and the Appeal Brief is in compliance with these rules.

However, the Examiner's Answer mailed on March 26, 2006, stated under the Evidence Relied Upon section, page 3, that "No evidence is relied upon by the examiner in the rejection of the claims under appeal." A review of the file reveals that references were applied to the statement of rejection in the Grounds of Rejection section, pages 3-5, of the Examiner's Answer. Before further review, the examiner must submit a corrected examiner's answer that will include the references under the "Evidence Relied Upon" heading.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is electronically returned to the Examiner to issue a revised Examiner's Answer having the missing references listed under "Evidence Relied Upon" heading, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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